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TUCSON, ARIZONA 85711

TELEPHONE 793-8811

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THE SCRIp PHOTOGRAPHED
OR ZEROXED.

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Hal Birt, Jr.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 26, 1970

Mr. Hal Birt, Jr.
4325 East Broadway
Tucson, Arizona 85711

Dear Mr. Birt:

In February you wrote me asking me if I would furnish you a picture of a piece of scrip. I checked very carefully and I do not have it. There were a number of items which Fred must have traded off or sold before I bought the collection from his estate.

I am sorry I took so long to answer, but since my answer is of so little consequence, I hope you will be forgiving.

I hope that by now your article is completed.

Cordially,

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GLASS SHOPPE COINS

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Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Aug. 29, 1970

Thank you for the answer to my request for a photograph of the Arizona Confederate note of Mesilla (New Mexico). I can not complete the article until I locate this piece which I thought you had.

What I had in mind was a reference article with photographs of all Arizona Territory scrip known to me. Some of these pieces such as the Heintzelman notes of Tubac, New Mexico Territory (now in Ariz.) and the above Ariz. Confederate scrip are proving very difficult to find. Perhaps you may hear of these some day in a collection of paper money and mention to the owner that I would like to have a photograph...please.

Thank you,

Hal Birt, Jr.

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Mr. Eric F. Newman
6850 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Eric Newman,

Feb. 27, 1971

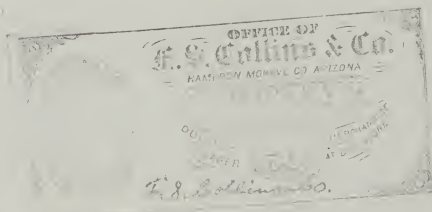
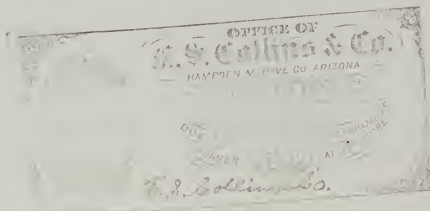
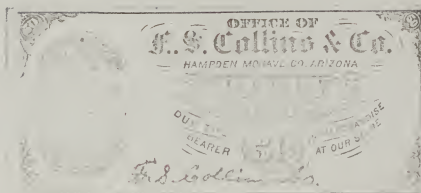
I wrote to you in February 1970 about certain Arizona scrips I was trying to locate and photograph for an article and after checking you answered that you did not have it (William Stillman notes of Mesilla, N.M., dated May 15, 1882, the "Arizona Confederate note"). Since then I have located it for photographing and as you confirmed it was not in the Harckhoff group. He had already sent me photos of his Lord & Williams 5 & 10, but there was one more note I believe he had:

F.W. Collins & Co., Hampden, Mohave County 50, note "to bearer". This should be in your collection from Harckhoff and it is a puzzle already to me as I can't find any "Hampden" listed in Mohave county in "Arizona Place Names". However I would like to pay you to photograph it (and credit it to you if you wish) for inclusion in the article. Before sending in the article I plan to research these names F.W. Collins and Hampden, Mohave Co. to find the meaning. Having just joined the Society of Paper Money Collectors I thought it would be best placed in "Paper Money" so that other unpublished Arizona material might be discovered among the members and added later. My main purpose is to give the Arizona museums and historians a primary reference for scrip.

If you can't find time to photo the Collins note then I will offer to pay Registered mail & Insurance to send the note here and have Robert A. Lamb photo it. Lamb is a very good artist and did the work in his notgeld catalog and the same for me in my Arizona token catalogs...

Thank you,

Hal Birt, Jr.
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January 17, 1972

Dear Mr. Birt,

Enclosed is a Xerox of the
Collins note. Is this good enough
for your purpose?

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 9, 1972

Mr. Hal Birt, Jr.
4325 East Broadway
Tucson, Arizona 85711

Dear Mr. Birt:

In accordance with your letter of January 25, 1972,
I am enclosing my F. S. Collins & Co. 50¢ note of Hampden
Mohave Co., Arizona.

After you take a photograph of it, would you be
nice enough to return it.

It is not for sale as, unfortunately for enthusiasts
like you, I do not sell any portions of my collection.

Good luck on your research.

Sincerely yours,

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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Eric Newman
3150 Cicill Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric Newman,

Jan. 25, 1972

Thank you for the Xerox copy of the T.S. Collins & Co, Hampden,
Cochave County, Arizona 50% scrip. I have found already that
neither name is known to the Arizona Historical Society, and
neither is in standard references such as Hagercraft, Elliot, Einton,
Barnes etc. But have located the "Hampden Mining Company" in the
1879 U.S. Mining Review through the courtesy of a friend who has
a large Arizona library...

I still need a photo to reproduce the scrip (as the Xerox will
not "screen", it appears as waxy and unreadable). Enclosed copy of
"Tokens of Arizona Territory", complimentary for your valuable help.
Note the effect of "screening" the photographs by examining the
detail with a hand lens, they are reproduced as little dots and for
this reason I need a clear photo instead of a Xerox.

I will still offer to pay for a clear photo (need additional
information such as colors, ^{of note} exact size, ^{in mm} and signature printed or
hand signed on the note, and reverse photo if anything other than
blank) or pay Registered & Insured mail both ways to photo here,
and finally will offer \$150 to buy it if it is for sale.

P.S. Feel free to call
collect if you have any
questions. Closed Jan. 29
for El Paso show, back on
Monday though.

Thank you,

Hal Birt, Jr.

Hal Birt, Jr.
4325 East Broadway
Tucson, Ariz. 85711

Mr. Eric F. Newman
4440 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric Newman,

Feb. 14, 1972

I want to thank you for allowing me to photograph the
F.S. Collins & Co. 50¢ note, the note is almost too long to use
a polaroid so I asked Robert Lamb to use his 35 mm and this will
"screen" better anyway. This note is very interesting to me because
neither Collins nor Hampden is on file at the Ariz. Hist. Soc. The
lead available is the district mentioned in the 1879 Mining
Journal as "Cedar", about 15 miles west of Wickenburg, where the Hampden
Mining co. had an interest.

E. enclosed note.

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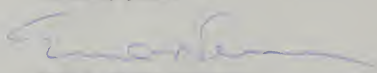
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It isn't often that I part with an item which is in my collection, particularly when I realize the item is unique. However, you have shown endless enthusiasm for owning it and would probably get more pleasure out of owning it than I. Accordingly, I am enclosing the item for the exchange.

The Connecticut items will fit very nicely in my collection and I will study them further at my first opportunity.

Sincerely yours,



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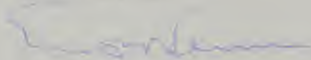
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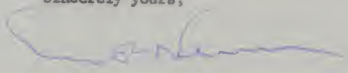
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Dear Eric Newman,

May 9,1972

Progress report on the scrip article...still waiting for
one fellow to photo(thank you again for your prompt help).
Say,I bought your book on early paper and felt a little
nervous about these notes,just in, and need to know:

Genuine?

If so,do you need them?

If you don't need them about what are they worth?

I would hope that you would trade the little Hampton,
Mohave County,Arizona scrip for them but they probably
aren't worth enough.You mention "counterfeit" a lot in your
book and I don't want to burden a customer with a bad
purchase and since I don't get this kind of material here
often enough to know it I thought it would ^{BETTER} be ask.

CENN:

1740 1S, 1744/5 #3476

1735 3S. #536

1735 2S. #5655

1735/46 2S,6P. #213

Thank you,

Hal

Hal Birt, Jr.
4325 E. Broadway
Tucson, Ariz. 85711

Dear Eric Newman,

May 15, 1972

I sure thank you for the trade, the Collins piece of Hampden is most interesting to me because neither name is in standard references. Now I will have to satisfy my curiosity just what it means. Hoping that the Connecticut notes prove as fascinating,

Sincerely,



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Incidentally, if you have anything unusual in the American coin, token, or paper money field, you certainly should feel free to submit it to me as I am still an enthusiastic collector. I even collect things relating to coins such as coin scales, pictures of Mints, counterfeit detectors, and, in fact, all numismatic literature.

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Mr. Eric Newman
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric Newman,

May 26, 1972

Well, if you do get a chance to visit Tucson this summer, fine, the El Con is only about one mile west of the shop on Broadway. Not the most favorable time to visit here and form an opinion about the climate, though. We enjoy mild winters and plenty of tourists for that.

If I do buy any more colonial paper you will be the first to know.

Sincerely,

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